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July 30, 2003

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

## Dear Sir or Madam:

Re Docket No 96-45 and 97-21

Waiver Request and Appeal to the FCC for the Oakland Unified School District

Billed Entity Number: 144227

471 Application Number: 363385

Administrator's Decision on Appeal: June 2, 2003

Oakland Unified School District (District) respectfully requests a waiver of the 60 day submission deadline for our appeal of Form 471 application number 363385 based on the following circumstances:

- 1 The Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) submitted Form 471 application numbers 351033 and 363385 together via FedEx on February 6, 2003.
- On March 20, 2003 OUSD received a Certification Postmarked Outside of Window notification regarding Form 471 Application # 351033. The notice states that certification was postmarked on 2/13/2003. OUSD did not receive a Certification Postmarked Outside of Window notification regarding Form 471 Application # 363385.
- 3. On April 17, 2003 OUSD submitted an e-mail appeal of the Certification Postmarked Outside of Window notification for Application # 351033.
- 4. On June 3, 2003 the appeal of Form 471 # 351033 was Approved For Certification



- 5. Since both Form 471 # 351033 and Form 471 # 363385 were properly submitted together the original SLD Certification Postmarked Outside of Window notification for Form 471 # 363385 was in error.
- 6 On May 2, 2003 OUSD had a phone conversation with an SLD representative in which we verbally received the following information:
  - Based on the appeal of Form 471 # 351033 OUSD had been assigned case # 207160
  - Although Form 471 # 363385 was also Certified Postmarked Outside of Window on the SLD web site, no letter from the SLD had gone out on application # 363385.
  - It is permissible for OUSD to file an appeal based on the Certified Postmarked Outside of Window information posted on-line even though we had not received a letter from the SLD.
  - There was no mention of a deadline or any need for urgent action regarding Form 471 # 363385.
- Since we had not received written notification and had not been verbally informed by the SLD of a written notification or informed of a submission deadline OUSD did not feel an urgency to submit an appeal of Form 471 # 363385. Had we been informed in writing or via phone as we had been for Form 471 # 351033 we would certainly have submitted within the 60 day deadline. All documentation required was identical to that submitted for the appeal of Form 471 # 351033 and had been prepared for the submission of that appeal.

Therefore Oakland Unified School District respectfully requests that this waiver request be granted and our appeal of Form 471 # 363385 be considered.

Sincerely,

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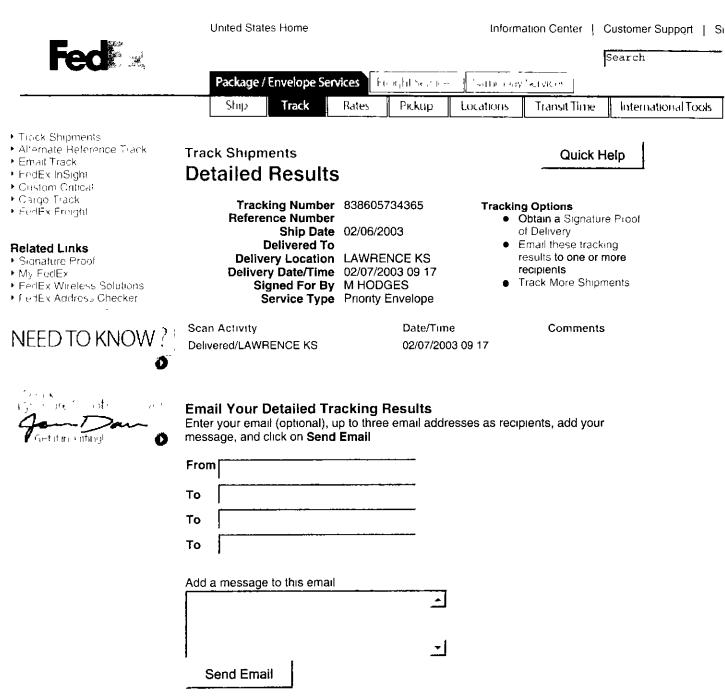
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## **Universal Service Administrative Company**

Schools & Libraries Division

## Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2003-2004

June 3, 2003

Peter Hutcher Oakland Unified School District 1025 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Oakland, CA 94606-2212

Re.

Billed Entity Number:

144227

471 Application Number

351033

Funding Request Number(s)

946050, 946081, 946084, 946094, 946104,

1031052, 1031938, 1032487

Your Correspondence Dated:

April 17, 2003

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year 2003 Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number:

946050, 946081, 946084, 946094, 946104, 1031052,

1031938, 1032487

Decision on Appeal

**Approved for Certification** 

Explanation:

• Your appeal has brought forward persuasive information that your Application should be certified and considered for funding.

The SLD will now certify your Form 471 application number 351033. Once this has been completed the SLD will review your application for eligibility and compliance with program rules. Once a final determination has been made the SLD will issue a Funding Commitment Decision Letter to you and to each service provider affected by this decision. SLD will issue the Funding Commitment Decision Letter to you as soon as possible.

| We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process |
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